

## PFAS Alternatives Assessment

### November 11, 2019 Update:

In late September, Ecology proposed a draft product scope for the food packaging alternatives assessment. The proposed scope included alternatives to PFAS-treated plant fiber-based wraps and liners with the possible addition of bags and sleeves. Many parties raised concerns that this scope was too narrow. After further internal deliberation, Ecology has decided to expand the product scope for the current work.

The expanded scope will include selected items from the dinnerware/serviceware category. Dinnerware/serviceware includes plates, bowls, trays, and related items. The final product scope will depend on our ability to leverage overlap between proposed safer alternative technologies across multiple product types. For example, if a **wrapper** alternative is treated with Formulation A (a substitute for PFAS), it will be more likely that the expanded scope includes a **plate** where Formulation A is also used to impart oil and grease resistance. Base material changes, for example, plant-fiber to plastic, will also be included among the candidates for alternatives assessment.

We invite comments from all interested parties to help us identify candidate dinnerware/serviceware products where non-PFAS alternatives are available in the market. Please send comments to Jenn Rhoades ([rhoades@srcinc.com](mailto:rhoades@srcinc.com)) by November 30. We plan to finalized the list of candidate alternatives in December.

A webinar to discuss the expanded scope and answer questions is tentatively planned for Monday, November 25.

A second webinar will be scheduled for December to more fully introduce the hazard assessment approach and the soon-to-be-released exposure assessment approach. This webinar will include a discussion of how these methodologies meet Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) guidelines.

Thank you for your interest. For further information on the product/sector scope changes contact Brian Penttila ([brpe461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:brpe461@ecy.wa.gov)). *[edited December 2019 to add: Ken Zarker is current contact: [kzar461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:kzar461@ecy.wa.gov)]*